

GUIDE to FOOD and FUN

In the Torrance and South Bay Area

Actors in Miracle Worker Count Sprains and Bruises

By NANCY COLLORD

Acting may be all glamour and applause for some people, but the lead characters in Harbor College's production of "The Miracle Worker" look on it as something mighty like a war.

As they await the Friday night opening of the play that will run in Harbor's Starboard Theater through Dec. 12, cast members Marilyn Ross, Eleanor Hacker and Laurie Nesvig can point to assorted bruises, cuts and contusions to show that they have worked faithfully in rehearsals.

Conflict

The reason for all the conflict is the key scene in the play where Marilyn Ross as Annie Sullivan, the devoted but determined teacher matches her will and strength against the equally stubborn child, Helen Keller, played on alternate nights by Laurie Nesvig and Eleanor Hacker. A ten minute struggle ensues in which the emotions of the players erupt in physical violence.

In rehearsals plates have been shattered, eyeglasses broken and rag dolls ripped to shreds. The three principals have been wearing leotards to cover the bruises they have picked up in their work.

Problems

Another problem facing the two girls playing the part of the blind and deaf Helen Keller was how to portray the reactions of a person in this condition. Faculty director Fred Martin has coached them not to let their eyes focus on any object and not to react to any noise on stage or in the audience.

Slowly and tempestuously during the course of the play, Annie Sullivan, "the miracle worker" struggles with the little girl and trains her senses to feel her from the prison of blindness and deafness without breaking her spirit.

Others

Other members of the cast are George Myers, Kathy Hooker, Pat Lang, Barbara Graham, Helen Flores, Kathy Stoltz, Bob Bailiff, Joe Rojas, Kathy Strellich, Renee Bivinetto, Leslie Bogan, Luana Nishimoto, and Caroline Tomlinson.



ELEANOR HACKER (right) as the blind Helen Keller discovers a new world through the sense of touch as she recognizes the features of her teacher, Annie Sullivan, played by Marilyn Ross, in the Harbor College production of "The Miracle Worker." The award-winning Broadway play will be staged in the college's Starboard Theater December 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 at 8:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by phoning the college Finance Office, TE 5-0161.

THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN THE SOUTHLAND AREA

Pasadena's annual Junior Rose Bowl game and a variety of pre-Christmas parades and events top the list of things to see in the Southland this week. Here is the schedule of activities in the area for the period Dec. 5 through 14 as compiled by the Automobile Club of Southern California.

The 16th annual Potato Bowl Football Game will be held in Bakersfield Memorial Stadium at 8 p.m. Two outstanding Junior College football teams will play in the event.

The annual Colorado River Catfish Derby in Blythe will be sponsored by the Palo Verde Valley Chamber of Commerce during December. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest catfish and bass caught during the derby in the Colorado River, its canals or lagoons.

During the month of December the poinsettia fields which line US 101 near Carlsbad, will be in full bloom. From this area over 90 per cent of all commercially grown poinsettias in the United States are grown.

The Padua Hills Theatre, Claremont, will present "Las Posadas," the traditional Mexican Christmas play, through Jan. 4.

Huntington Park's annual Christmas Lane Parade, featuring floats, equestrian units and 36 bands, will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 along Pacific Blvd.

Parade

A parade will herald the arrival of Santa Claus to La Jolla the evening of Dec. 6.

The annual Competitive Art Show, featuring paintings and sculpture by California artists, will be featured at the La Jolla Art Center through Dec. 15.

The annual fall meeting held at Los Alamitos Race for quarterhorses will be course through Dec. 21.

In L.A.

The Masterworks of Mexican Art will be featured in the Los Angeles County Museum through January, 1964. This is the largest and most comprehensive exhibition ever organized of the history of Mexican art covering over 3,000 years and containing over 2,000 objects. For the last two years, the exhibition has toured most of the major capitals of Europe.

The Museum will also feature an exhibit titled "The Old Navy," a history of the U. S. Navy in paintings, sketches and watercolors.

through Dec. 15. Chamber music is provided each Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Museum.

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra with Zubin Mehta conducting will play in concert at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 12 in the Philharmonic Auditorium. Pianist Malcolm Frager will be guest Dec. 12.

"Man's Place in the Universe" is the title for the program in Griffith Park Observatory and Planetarium through Dec. 31. The show is held daily, except Monday, at 3 and 8:30 p.m. with extra matinees on weekends and holidays at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

A display of creative play equipment, designed to stimulate the child's imagination, will be displayed at the Museum of Science and Industry in Exposition Park through Dec. 29.

Photos

A photographic essay on roads in the development of civilization will also be featured at the Museum of Science and Industry through Dec. 26.

The Tower Art Gallery in the Los Angeles City Hall feature an exhibit of works by members of the California Art Club from Dec. 6 through Jan. 3.

The Los Angeles Blades will play Vancouver Dec. 11 and Dec. 13 in the Sports Arena. Both games will begin at 8 p.m.

The Los Angeles Rams will play the Green Bay Packers at 1:35 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Coliseum.

The Los Angeles Lakers will play San Francisco at 7:05 p.m. Dec. 8 and Baltimore at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 12 and 14. All games will be in the Sports Arena.

The annual Lynwood Christmas Parade will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 and will feature movie and television personalities, bands, marching units and equestrian units.

Pageant

The annual Naples Christmas Water Pageant, featuring colorfully decorated cruisers and yachts and costumed carolers riding a barge, will wind through the Naples Canals the evenings of Dec. 14 and 15.

"Anniversary Waltz," featuring Louise Arthur, Lyle Talbot, Lorraine Tuttle and Paul Langton, will be presented at the Pasadena Playhouse through Dec. 15.

The annual Junior Rose Bowl Game and Pageant will be held Dec. 14. Pre-game activity will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the game will begin at 1 p.m. in the Rose Bowl.

Polo games are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. every Sunday at the Santa Barbara Polo Club.

"Christmas Joy" is the theme for the 17th annual

'Flower Drum Song' Has Holiday Run

"Flower Drum Song," one of the best of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals, returns to Melodyland Theatre on Christmas night for a two-week holiday run.

Performances are scheduled nightly at 8:30, including a special Chinese New Year's Eve showing and three matinees set for Sunday, Dec. 29; Saturday, Jan. 4 and Sunday, Jan. 5.

"Flower Drum Song" is the first of Melodyland Theatre's Broadway hits to be brought back by popular demand. The attraction completed its original engagement on Nov. 17, and was one of the most successful of Melodyland Theatre's summer-fall series.

Majority of the original cast will return for "Flower Drum Song's" holiday run. James Shigeta, sensational Hawaiian-born young singer-

actor, will again star in the lead role of Wang Ta. Playing opposite him this time as special guest star, will be Elaine Dunn, portraying the flamboyant dancing girl, Linda Low, a part she played for a year in the national company of "Flower Drum Song." The beautiful and talented Miss Dunn, one of the best singer-dancers on the musical stage today, was first seen at Melodyland Theatre in "Bye Bye Birdie," opposite George Gobel.

Also returning in starring roles will be sprightly Tim Herbert and the gorgeous, French-born Oriental actress Yau Shan Tung. Broadway songstress Sylvia Syms, singer Gigi Galon and top character actor Yuki Shimoda will come back to repeat their key featured parts.



OPERATIC SPECTACULAR — Miss Joan Sutherland, internationally acclaimed soprano, will make her American television debut in a full-hour special over Metropolitan Broadcasting Television's KTTV on Sunday, December 18, at 9 p.m., Channel 11.

Caminos Madonna Row Opens Christmas Season

El Camino College will mark the opening of the Christmas season with the 15th annual presentation of its traditional art exhibit, Madonna Row, Dec. 13.

Originated in 1949 by Miss Mildred K. Walker, El Camino art instructor, the display will include paintings and reproductions of great art objects.

Eight Paintings

Eight oil paintings are in the group; all are enlargements of the original style, and, in many cases, materials and techniques identical to the original are utilized.

The display will present Madonna paintings which represent the Mother and Child scenes of the Nativity.

Among the well-known Madonnas shown will be

Raphael's "The Madonna of the Chair," Van Eyck's the "Ince Hall Madonna," and the "Blue Madonna," a reproduction of a stained glass window from the Cathedral of Chartres in France.

Art Objects

Also on display will be reproductions of rare art objects, including ceramic and glass mosaics, and a medieval book cover of ivory, precious metal and gems.

Thousands of visitors have made it a traditional experience to view the display, located in front of the Administration Building on Crenshaw Blvd.

Visitors are invited to view the art exhibit, which is brilliantly lighted at night, by turning in to the periphery running parallel to Crenshaw Blvd.

The display will be on View from Dec. 13 to Jan. 2.

Grace Bumbry Concert Set for Philharmonic

Returning to Los Angeles for her second concert appearance, following her recent triumphant American operatic debut with the Chicago Lyric Opera, mezzo soprano Grace Bumbry will be heard in Philharmonic Auditorium, Saturday evening, Dec. 7, at 8:30.

Grace Bumbry first burst into international music headlines in 1961 when she was invited to sing Bayreuth, the first of her career to be engaged for that sacred shrine. She scored a

resounding success there, and when she made her debut at London's Royal Opera, Covent Garden, she won one of the greatest ovations within memory. She was headline news again in February, 1962 when President and Mrs. Kennedy invited her to sing for a State Dinner in The White House, perhaps the only American vocalist to make her debut in such auspicious surroundings.

Last season the Community Civic Music Association presented this exciting young singer here for the first time. Recalling reviews by a few of the critics seems to justify the anticipation of a capacity audience this year.

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COMEDY HITS

Producers Sammy Lewis and Danny Dare have scheduled a quartet of comedy stage hits for early 1964, at Melodyland Theatre in Anaheim. Each of the plays in this Winter Series will star top names in the entertainment field and will run two weeks.

Taft Christmas Parade
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